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WMR previously reported on the CIA's cancer weaponry program, scoffed at by White House and State Department officials when various Latin American leaders, including the late Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, suggested that the United States was using such weapons on progressive Latin American leaders.

WMR has uncovered additional evidence that the CIA and the Atomic Energy Commission engaged in research to cause cancer, sometimes using innocent and unwilling American citizens as test subjects. The State Department and White House denials over past U.S. cancer weaponry research falls flat in light of reams of documented programs that were designed to use radiation and cancer-causing viruses, known as oncoviruses, in covert operations against foreign government officials, armed forces, and even civilian populations.

On March 11, 2013, WMR pointed to the August 23, 1975 memo from CIA Deputy Director for Plans Thomas Karamessines to CIA director William Colby. The memo outlined how the CIA's Special Operation Division, a joint U.S. Army-CIA element at Fort Detrick, Maryland, was instructed to maintain a supply of toxins not included on the official Fort Detrick inventory list that was subject to President Richard Nixon's disposal order pursuant to the 1972 biological warfare convention. Concerned that Nixon's order might result in the destruction of the CIA's "germ supply," a contingency plan was developed to ship the CIA's toxins to Huntingdon Research Center at the Becton-Dickinson Company in Baltimore, a firm established in 1897 by Maxwell W. Becton and Fairleigh S. Dickinson. The company, now known as BD, specializes in injection and infusion products, including needles and syringes. Why was the CIA, anxious to hide its supply of dangerous toxins, select a firm that produces needles and syringes?

There was much more going on with the CIA in Baltimore than meets the eye. Under the MKNAOMI project, the CIA maintained what was known as a Biogen machine in Baltimore that was used to breed micro-organisms on a massive scale for use in bio-weapons. These included cancer-causing viruses and other deadly biological agents. The research was to have terminated in 1972, however, as we previously reported, the stockpile of CIA "germs" was moved to Baltimore, where the Biogen machine was also located. This, in itself, was a violation of the 1972 Biological Warfare Convention in place between the United States, Britain, and the Soviet Union.

Ten years ago, the United States and Britain attacked Iraq over allegations that it possessed biological and chemical weapons of mass destruction. It did not. However, the United States likely continues to not only possess such WMDs but continues to refine them in more advanced weaponry, including clandestine means of delivery to human targets.

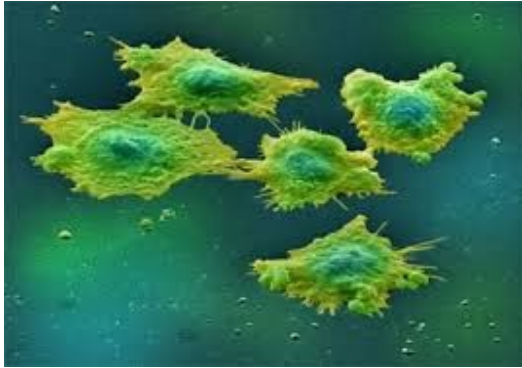
MKNAOMI research included the weaponization of hepatitis-B. Both hepatitis B and C are viruses that can cause hepatocellular cancer (liver cancer). The human T-lymphotropic virus can result in T-cell leukemia. Human papillomaviruses can generate cancer of the skin, throat, mouth, cervix, anus, penis, and lungs. It is noteworthy that Chavez's cancer began in his pelvic region. Also, Kaposi's sarcoma-associated herpes virus may result in Kaposi's sarcoma and lymphoma and the Epstein-Barr virus can develop into Burkitt's or Hodgkin's lymphoma, nasopharyngeal carcinoma, and B lymphoproliferative disease.

Some of the above viruses are associated with HIV/AIDS, which some African leaders, including former South African President Thabo Mbeki, former acting South African President Kgalema Motlanthe, and the late Kenyan environmental and political activist and Nobel Peace Prize laureate Wangari Maathai claimed was a laboratory-manufactured virus designed to depopulate Africa. Former Kenyan President Daniel arap Moi, while not going as far as Mbeki and the others, did claim that there was a "political" angle to the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Africa. Political and labor leaders from across Africa, from Burundi and Burkina Faso to Comoros and Cote d'Ivoire, joined Mbeki, Motlanthe, and Maathai in subscribing to the belief that the deadly Ebola and HIV viruses were created in a laboratory.

The first cases of HIV/AIDS were found in returning Cuban troops coming back to Cuba after fighting in the Angolan civil

war against CIA-supported guerrillas with the UNITA faction of Jonas Savimbi. There is also some evidence that HIV/AIDS was developed earlier in experiments on the hepatitis-B virus conducted by scientists at Fort Detrick, Maryland and included creating a species-jumping virus that could spread from monkeys to humans.

African leaders suggested the CIA was using bio-weapons years before Chavez, Bolivia's Evo Morales, Cuba's Castro brothers, and acting Venezuela President Nicolas Maduro spoke of similar clandestine operations. The U.S. government and corporate media responded that Mbeki was a "conspiracy nut" in the same manner as they attacked the Latin American leaders.



Oncoviruses: they're not the typical James Bond type of weapon but they're as deadly.

Before the development of tasers, the CIA researched the development of controlled electronic shock weapons to cause incapacitation and heart attacks to victims. Other research dealt with weapons that would cause brain concussions, seizures, and other neurological disorders, resulting in strokes, cerebral hemorrhages, or death.

One of the first groups of guinea pigs used for the effects of radiation in causing cancer were the Marshall Islanders who were blasted with high dosages of radiation from atomic and hydrogen bomb tests in the Bikini Atoll. Downwind islanders on Rongelap, Rongerik, and Utirik atolls received heavy dosages of radiation and began to develop cancer. The CIA was anxious to exploit the research on the islanders for special weapons development. Much of this research was carried out under the unlikely aegis of the "Atoms for Peace" program, a cleverly-designed CIA and Atomic Energy Commission propaganda tool used to convince the public that radiation was a good thing.

The proposed Venezuelan commission that is slated to examine America's cancer weapons should find a wealth of information in documents maintained on cancer and the effects of ionized radiation found at Brookhaven, Argonne, and Oak Ridge National Laboratories and Atomic Energy Commission research files at Columbia, Princeton, Harvard, MIT, Tulane, Johns Hopkins in Baltimore, Yale, Cornell, University of Pennsylvania, and the University of Rochester. Farther afield, there were reports of CIA disease experimentation conducted on unsuspecting human subjects at the St. George's Medical School in Grenada and at the Jonestown commune in Guyana. In his book "Dr. Mary's Monkey," author Edward Haslam stated that the CIA had established 159 covert research centers, including the Ochsner Clinic in New Orleans, where the agency conducted secret medical research, including cancer virus development.

However, knowing that the Obama administration is the most secretive in the history of the United States, any incriminating documents now available in public reading rooms, libraries, and accessible through the Freedom of Information Act may not be around for very long. Therefore, for the government of Venezuela and others who want the United States to make a full accounting on its use of biological and cancer-causing weapons, time is of the essence.

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